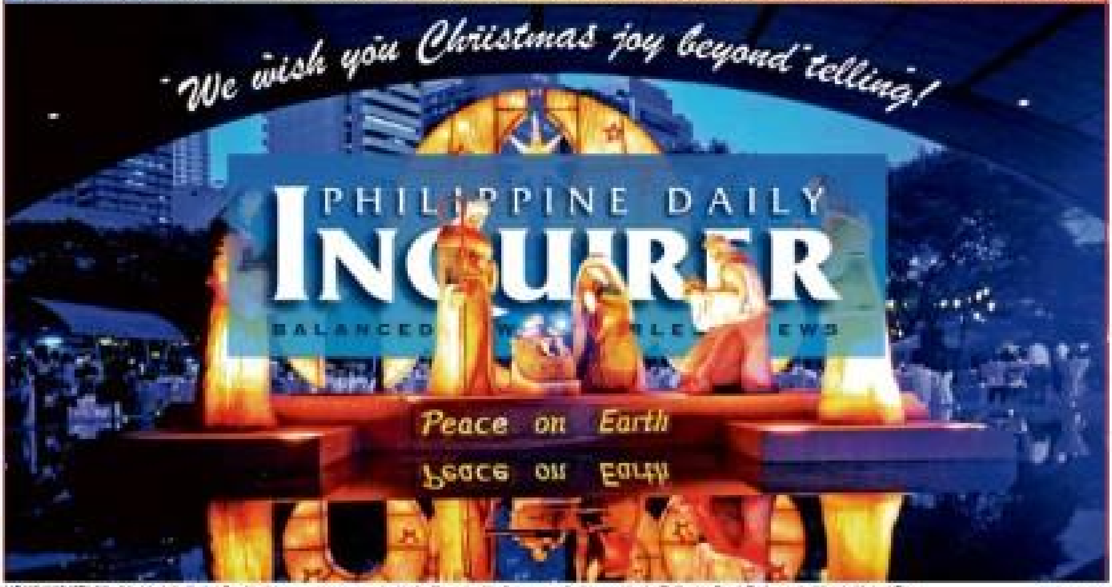
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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

HOLIDAY DISPLAY A brightly lit "belen," or Nativity scene, recreates the birth of Jesus in this diorama on display outside the Philippine Stock Exchange building in Makati City.

Gringo to Ping: Surrender

Fugitive senator hits DOJ 'gloating'

By Christian V. Esguerra

SAYING the legal system could not adjust to fugitive Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson's predicament, his colleague and former classmate at the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) yesterday urged him to give up and face criminal charges against him.

Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan said Lacson, his "mistah" (classmate) at PMA Class of 1971, would eventually have to yield to authorities to clear his name in connection with the murders of publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer and his driver Emmanuel Corbito in 2000.

"The (Department of Justice) cannot adjust the standards of justice (for him) because it's the government," Honasan told the Inquirer. "The bottom line is sooner or later, my classmate, my colleague, if he wants his day in court and to present his evidence, there's no way he can do that without surfacing."

Honasan said he was talking based on experience. The former Army colonel took part in a number of coup attempts against the first Aquino administration in the 1980s. He was also implicated in the Oakwood mutiny of 2003 against then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

He reminded Lacson: "For the process to start moving, for better or for worse, he has to be present to face due process and have his day in court. The best

GRINGO/A11

Palace says Trillanes must first admit guilt

SEN. ANTONIO Trillanes IV and other targeted beneficiaries of President Aquino's amnesty proclamation have to admit participation in the failed uprisings against the previous administration before they reap the benefits of freedom, according to Mr. Aquino's chief legal counsel Eduardo de Mesa.

The admission of guilt is something that the subjects of the President's Proclamation No. 75 will have to do when they accomplish the required application form, De Mesa indicated.

Asked if the proclamation's implementing rules and regulations included a requirement on

PALACE/A11

Pope talks of God's promises, surprises

LONDON—Pope Benedict XVI on Friday talked about how God was faithful to His promises but often surprised us by how He fulfilled them, in the first appearance by the head of the Roman Catholic Church on a flagship British radio show.

Opponents, however, criticized BBC for failing to use the opportunity to challenge the Catholic Church's record on sex abuse.

"I keep all of you very much in my prayers during this Holy Season," the Pope said in a recorded message to the regular "Thought For the Day" slot on BBC Radio 4's main news program "Today," a feature offering a platform to a range of religious figures since 1970.

In a three-minute message recorded at the Vatican on Wednesday, the Pontiff was

POPE/A6

Bishop's call: End 'holitrash'

AVOID "gross consumerism" and end the "holitrash" tradition.

With this battle cry, leading lights of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) and the EcoWaste Coalition pushed a campaign to minimize the amount of rubbish that Filipinos generate during the yuletide holidays.

Caloocan Bishop Deogracias Iñiguez, head of the CBCP's

BISHOP'S/A6



FILMFEST PARADE Stars of the biopic, period film "Rosario" join a float parade opening this year's Metro Manila Film Festival.

Glitz, glam, glitter at parade

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Entertainment

THE WEATHER report wasn't encouraging, and the skies were gloomy on Christmas Eve, but the stars and their loyal fans still came out in full force for the Metro Manila Film Festival, now on its 36th year.

Fans from all walks of life lined the streets to watch the traditional holiday parade, one of them an elderly woman in a wheelchair who waited under the shade of a palm tree, while a baby in a carriage slept soundly beside her.

Big names and bit players, veterans and newcomers, young and old alike, rode the eight floats representing the eight film entries: "Ang Tanging Ina Mo Rin: Last Na 'To," "Dalaw," "Father Jejemon," "Rosario," "RPG Metanoia," "Shake, Rattle & Roll 12," "Si Agimat at si Enteng Kabisote" and "Super Inday and the Golden Bibe."

The parade featured stars as young as Zaijan "Santino" Jaranilla (9) and as esteemed and as seasoned as Anita Linda (86) and Dolphy (82).

Days before the parade,

GLITZ/A12

'Ondoy' victims get housing gifts

By Nina Calleja

EDNA JUNIO and her nine children used to live under a plastic roof by the shore of Laguna de Bay for 14 months.

With a measly income as a fish vendor, she said the makeshift shelter of plywood and used tarpaulin was the best thing her family could afford after Tropical Storm "Ondoy" knocked down their ramshackle home last year.

This Christmas will be different.

The 48-year-old Junio said a Gift of the Magi came when she was named one of the recipients of 73 new houses in Sitio Bulay-ang of Barangay Calahan in Cardona, Rizal.

On Wednesday Cardona residents shed tears of joy during the turnover ceremony of the houses by the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) and the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid

'ONDOY'/A6



Unusual presents abound this Yule

By Inquirer Central and Northern Luzon

ALIAGA, Nueva Ecija—Like the rest of the Christian world, the residents of many Luzon towns rushed to buy gifts before the stores closed yesterday. Christ-

UNUSUAL/A6

Fun, learning at public preschools

By Cynthia D. Balana

FOR 5-YEAR-OLD Mico, stepping into the playhouse of Rainbow Health Center in Manila is like venturing into fantasy land.

Brightly colored stars, letters, numbers and cutouts of animals, trees and flowers adorn the room. Shelves lining the walls are filled with story and coloring books and boxes stuffed with toys and puzzle games.

"I like it here," Mico told his mother when they first showed up in the center last year.

The mother had taken Mico, the fourth in a brood of six children, to the facility, hoping he would do better than his older brother who had to repeat Grade 1. The older one did not have the benefit of preschool and had a hard time coping.

At the Rainbow playhouse, Mico learned to read and write, skills he had honed in kindergarten where he is enrolled now. (Mico's full name has been withheld under the child protection rights ordinance.)

The son of a pedicab driver is among the 33 percent of chil-

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P5-B trust fund intact–SC



CHRISTMAS EVE RUSH

By Nikko Dizon

THE SUPREME Court yesterday brushed aside claims that it had unlawfully failed to remit to the national treasury P5-billion worth of fiduciary fund, or trust fund, to the national treasury.

Fiduciary fund

Principal intact

Garcia plea deal won't cause AFP unrest–Palace

It's down to Morong 10 and they're still in jail

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3 Cabinet members on the chopping block

Some travellers won't be home for Christmas





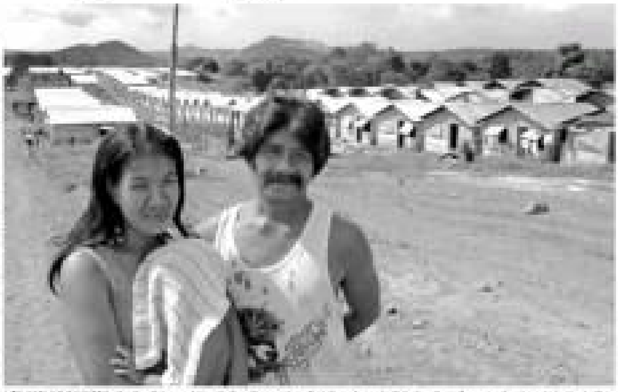
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POPE TALK.

'Ondoy' victims get housing gifts from Red Cross



NEW HOUSE OWNERS



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A kilo of trash each

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Filipinos show their mettle on high seas







Homesick but not seasick after battling pirates, Pinoy sailors just wanted to be home for Christmas

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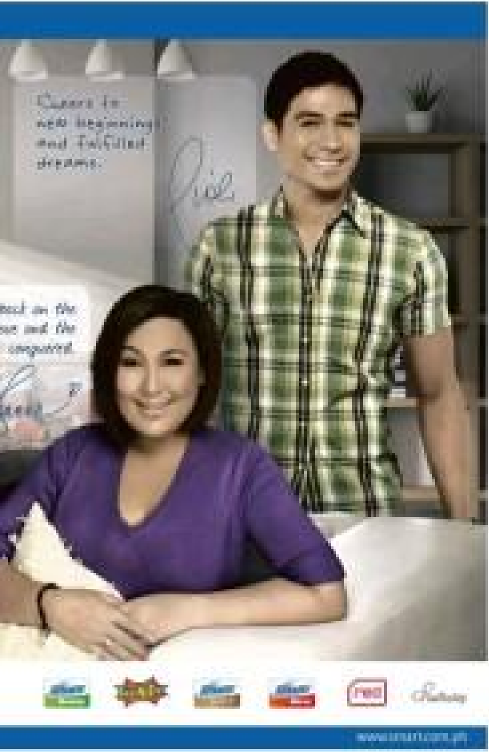
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The Nativity of the Lord


Cheers to new beginnings and fulfilled dreams.

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First Christmas WikiLeaks?

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Juan L. Mercado

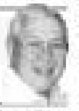
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Solita Collas-Monsod

On happy Christmas statistics



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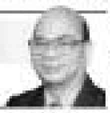
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Gringo to Ping: Surrender, face probe

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Glitz, glam and glitter at Metro Manila filmfest parade





FLOATS of "Father Jejemon" (left) and "Dalaw" line up for the Metro Manila Film Festival parade at Mall of Asia in Pasay City.

INQUIRER Visayas



From Christmas House to Emerald City



A touch of Alaska in artist's miniature Christmas village





Across the NATION

Kalibo gears for grander Dinagyang, Ati-Atihan

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

MILF says Saudis in peace body

ILIGAN CITY—Saudi Arabia has formally joined the peace process between government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) through its International Contact Group (ICG), the rebel group said.



'LUMAD' CAROLERS

PH now outpaced by neighbors in terms of labor—DOLE

Arson not discounted yet in Tuguegarao police probe

ARMM barter trade with Malaysia starts 2011, says exec



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Coal plant synchronized

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QUEZON

17 hurt in mishap

LAGUNA

Village exec slain

NAGA CITY

Businessman shot

NEWS

Video games: The best of 2010

FOUR years ago, Nintendo turned the video-game world upside-down with its motion-controlled Wii console. The big headline from 2010 is that Nintendo's primary competitors have finally followed suit: Microsoft with Kinect, Sony with the PlayStation Move. At first glance, it looks like a bad year for gamers who'd rather sit than flail about like dervishes.

But the game industry is driven by software, not hardware, and the best games of 2010 are those you could play the old-fashioned way—clutching a controller from the comfort of your favorite chair. The Kinect and Move technology is impressive, but (with one exception) the games available for them don't reach the creative heights of the year's best.



ROCK BAND 3 Closer to the stage than ever.

1. "Red Dead Redemption" (Rockstar, for the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3): It's more than "Grand Theft Auto" on a horse, and it's all because of John Marston, the reformed former bandit at the heart of this Wild West drama. He's the first Rockstar protagonist with a heart, and his journey toward redemption is the most rewarding trip I took all year.

2. "Mass Effect 2" (Electronic Arts, for the Xbox 360): Engaging characters and an enthralling mystery help BioWare expand its sprawling intergalactic empire. It's as ambitious and thought-provoking as the best science fiction.

3. "Rock Band 3" (MTV Games, for the Xbox 360, PS3, Wii): New keyboard and "pro guitar" accessories bring fans of this exemplary franchise closer to the stage than ever.

4. "Dragon Quest IX: Sentinels of the Starry Skies" (Square Enix, for the Nintendo DS): This delightful role-playing game is a satisfying throwback to classic sword-and-sorcery.

5. "Enslaved: Odyssey to the West" (Namco Bandai, for the Xbox 360, PS3): This vision of a post-apocalyptic America, featuring two of the year's most intriguing characters, deserves a wider audience than it has received.

6. "Nier" (Square Enix, for the Xbox 360, PS3): A man battles to save his daughter in this fascinating mashup of "Zelda," "[illegible]" and a half-dozen other classics.

7. "Dance Central" (MTV Games, for the Xbox 360): The best of the Kinect launch titles, this full-body workout will help you release your inner Gaga.

8. "BioShock 2" (2K Games, for the Xbox 360, PS3): [illegible] return to the undersea dystopia, and while some of the wow factor is gone, tighter controls and a more coherent story make for a first-rate follow-up.

9. "Darksiders" (THQ, for the Xbox 360, PS3): Clever puzzles, vivid animation and an unsubtle sense of humor lift this adventure above your standard "Zelda" clone.

10. "Fallout: New Vegas" (Bethesda Softworks, for the Xbox 360, PS3): Despite some glitches and a meandering plot, this sequel delivers a solid 80-plus hours of post-nuclear kicks.



ENSLAVED: ODYSSEY TO THE WEST Vision of post-apocalyptic America

Runners-up

- Runners-up: "Assassin's Creed: Brotherhood," "Super Mario Galaxy 2," "Professor Layton and the Unwound Future," "God of War III," "Battlefield: Bad Company 2," "NBA 2K11," "[illegible]," "Donkey Kong Country Returns," "Call of Duty: Black Ops," "Gran Turismo 5."
- Best downloadable games: "Limbo," "Costume Quest," "DeathSpank," "Chime."
- Best movie-inspired games: "Toy Story 3," "Lego Harry Potter: Years 1-4."
- Best game-inspired movie: "Scott Pilgrim vs the World."
- That game you like is going to come back in style: "[illegible]"-inspired games ("[illegible]," "[illegible]," "[illegible]").
- Best new hardware: Kinect and Move got a lot of attention late in the year, but nothing made as big a splash as Apple's iPad, which is challenging Nintendo's long-held dominance of portable gaming.
- Best iPad/iPhone game: "Chaos Rings."
- Best proof that PC gaming isn't dead: "StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty," "Civilization V."
- Worst game: "Kane & Lynch: Dog Days." AP

A plus METRO

Fires leave 900 families homeless

No injuries, deaths reported; damage to property estimated at ₱11M

AROUND 900 families will be spending Christmas Day in temporary shelters or in the streets after two big fires broke out in Muntinlupa City and Manila.



Fires leave 900 families...



West Tower residents won't be home this Christmas

By Tina G. Santos

Generosity pays very high dividends

ON TARGET



Ramon Tulfo

QC gov't shuts down bus terminal on Edsa

Elderly woman dies while waiting in line to watch TV show

10-year-old girl killed after water pipe valve cap comes loose, hits her head



The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo B. Ziga

New N. Korea atom test seen next year

SEOUL—North Korea may carry out another atomic test next year to bolster the status of leader-in-waiting Kim Jong-un, a Seoul state think-tank said on Friday, a day after the North threatened a nuclear attack.



SOUTH Korean K-1 tanks fire live rounds during Thursday's war games in a show of force on North Korea. AP

Sacred war

Christmas tree

'Belligerent tricks'

WikiLeaks: US aided Paraguay in spying

Norway newspaper says it has all WikiLeaks cables

OSLO, Norway—A Norwegian newspaper says it has obtained the entire trove of 250,000 unreleased US diplomatic documents that WikiLeaks has been distributing.

WorldBriefs

Treasury OK'd US business with Iran

2 wounded in Rome embassy blasts

Venezuela students slam university law

Romanian dives from parliament balcony

Theatergoers see 'Spider-Man' return

Parents still cling to hope after 2004 tsunami

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Brazilian mentor backs McMenemy

By Cedelf P. Tupas



PCA CHAMP
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Black, Lim...



Black, Lim grab top college awards

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COMPLETE NBA RESULTS

(See story below)

Orlando regains Magic touch

Heat torch Suns minus Wade



MIAMI Heat forward LeBron James soars for a dunk against the Phoenix Suns.

James says teams with multiple stars good for NBA

Football's for fighting and basketball's for yakking

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Alcala, Escueta head Ramos-Victor field



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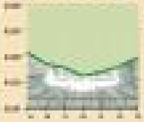
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Export growth slowdown seen in 2011

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Window-dressing seen to lift stocks

BSP exec cites weakness in US, Europe recovery

EXPORT GROWTH is expected to slow down sharply in 2011 given the challenges confronting the country's major export destinations led by the United States and Europe.

Laughs, for a change

Corporate Securities Info



MUSX shifts to new businesses

Capital restructuring OKd

By Doris C. Dumlao

PSE getting new market surveillance platform

By Doris C. Dumlao

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Gov't identifies 12 coal areas for development



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Meralco's 'Bituin' TV ad pays homage to the Light of Christmas



SCIENCE/HEALTH

Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang

Holiday lessons from oldest living people

By Tessa R. Salazar

THEY SAY experience is the greatest teacher. So, the best teachers around must be those who have lived among us the longest. And when it comes to living longer, healthier, happier and more productive lives, take it from those who have outlived most of their own generation.

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Christmas binges and heart attack

MEDICAL FILES

Rafael Castillo, M.D.



The period between Christmas and the New Year is still fraught with risks for an 'unexpected' heart attack

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Merry Christmas to all our readers!

Matching game

DISCOVER

Maria Santos Ballesteros



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Glass pendants

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A pair of shoes

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Rare lunar eclipse treats PH stargazers

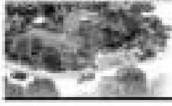
By Charles E. Buban

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IMAGES of the partial lunar eclipse (at five-minute intervals starting at 5:45pm) observed in Laoag City

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on the Seventeenth Death Anniversary of

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Masses will be offered for her **today, December 25, 2010** at the following churches:

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REDEMPTORIST CHURCH, Baclaran, Parañaque City	6:00 A.M.
SANCTUARIO DE SAN JOSE, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City	6:15 A.M.
MARY THE QUEEN PARISH, Madison St., Greenhills, San Juan	7:00 A.M.
MINOR BASILICA OF THE BLACK NAZARENE, Quiapo, Manila	7:00 A.M.
ST. ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGUORI CHURCH, Magallanes Village, Makati City	8:00 A.M.
ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City	8:45 A.M.
SANCTUARIO DE SAN ANTONIO, McKinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati City	9:00 A.M.
ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH, Kalayaan Avenue, Bel-Air II, Makati City	9:00 A.M.
SHRINE OF MARY QUEEN OF PEACE, Our Lady of EDSA, Quezon City	9:00 A.M.
ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH, A. Arnaiz Ave. Cor. Amorsolo St., Makati City	10:15 A.M.
HARRISON PLAZA CHAPEL, 2/F, Harrison Plaza Shopping City, Malate, Manila	5:00 P.M.
MT. CARMEL SHRINE, Doña J. Rodriguez St., New Manila, Quezon City	5:00 P.M.

Her children,

ENRIQUE — ANTONIO, JR. & BELEN LOYINA TIGZON — JOSE & OLGA SEVERINO
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Transport firms vulnerable to rising oil prices

Automotive companies push fuel-efficient cars, trucks

Aircraft-producing nations forge export credit deal

Starbucks, Kraft battle continues

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US holiday shoppers sprint to end; retail revenue up



Baby shortage in Asia a growing concern

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Bank plan to sell stake in US unit hits a snag

Merger of Allied Bank, PNB stalled anew

By Doris C. Dumlao



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By Abigail L. Ho

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We take the guesswork out of places and activities to take them to



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Welcome 2011 at the InterContinental Manila

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Savoring Yuletide bliss at The Bellevue

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Kublai and his mighty sculptures

Tours, Leisure & Chow

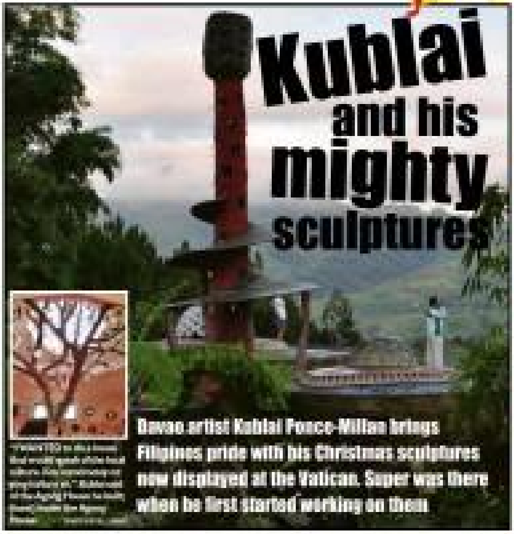
Christmas room packages at Century Park Hotel

A children's costume party at The Heritage Hotel



Magical Christmas at Marriott Hotel Manila





Kublai and his mighty sculptures

Davao artist Kublai Ponce-Millan brings Filipinos pride with his Christmas sculptures now displayed at the Vatican. Super was there when he first started working on them



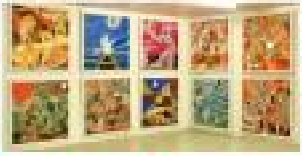












The Grinch who lost Christmas

I stopped mourning when I realized having to let go of old traditions just means having the freedom to create new ones

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All I want for Christmas

Tweens share the wish lists they're sending to Santa





All that glitters

Light up your Christmas soirees, as holiday dressing runneth over with sequins and shimmer



Tee-riffic!



Stargazing



A leg up



Soft shimmer



High intensity



Christmas on campus

Festive lights and freshmen parading as Christmas ornaments—UST and other schools know how to rock Christmas

Paskuhan

A gift

Simbang Gabi



The Coca-Cola Company

WWF for a living planet

THE WORLD Wide Fund for Nature or WWF is the planet's largest and most experienced conservation organization, operating in over 100 countries through the support of five million people globally. WWF-Philippines has established in 1997 and now develops practical solutions both to help the country adapt to climate change and to protect the seas, rivers and forests which continuously provide Filipinos with fresh water, food, renewable energy and clean air.

Water is possibly the single most important resource on Earth. Though it covers over 70% of the planet, less than 1% is available for human consumption. Over a billion people around the world still do not have access to safe drinking water and degradation of freshwater habitats threatens wildlife, plants and the ecosystems that both people and nature depend on for survival.

Water is fundamental to both WWF and the Coca-Cola Company (TCCC). Freshwater ecosystems are a top priority to WWF's conservation work, while beverages are Coca-Cola's business. Water is the main ingredient in every product the company makes. It is also used to produce the sugar, citrus, coffee and other ingredients in Coke products. Lastly, clean water is a key determinant of economic growth in developing countries and is critical for stable and growing markets.

Since 2008, WWF and TCCC have been working to conserve the country's most important freshwater river basins, starting with the Santa Rosa and Abuan watersheds.

Rehabilitating the Country's Largest Lake

Laguna Lake, also known as [illegible], is a vast reservoir for the [illegible] and is the largest inland lake in the Philippines. Millions of people in [illegible] and depend on the lake for livelihood. However, recent industrialization has greatly degraded the lake and its environs. Widespread deforestation [illegible], as do invasive South and Central American Janitor Fish (Pterygoplichthys) which eat up other fishes' food and ruin fishing nets. Water pollution is widespread, with the lake containing a high percentage of [illegible].

Driven by the need to secure freshwater resources South of Manila, WWF and TCCC now work to stop the deterioration of the Santa Rosa Basin and maintain it in a healthy state. Programs are being developed to address the problems of long-term water scarcity, pollution of ground aquifers and land conversion that aggravate threats of flooding and water loss. These water security issues have been mapped, [illegible] hundreds of stakeholders in ensuring that the lake is again restored to its former glory.

Saving the Country's Oldest Forests

The Northern Sierra Madre is the largest remaining block of old-growth forest in the country. 40% of all Philippine endemic plants can be found within its lush, primeval forests. It also provides water for the rice and corn fields of the Cagayan Valley - Luzon's largest rice granary.

The Abuan Watershed - located in the Municipality of Ilagan, Isabela - provides a wide range of watershed services which benefit upland and lowland farmers, residents, institutions, small businesses and industries. Aside from its potential to generate hydropower, it also hosts immense ecotourism value. Sadly, the watershed is under threat from unchecked logging, swidden farming and forest clearing. WWF and TCCC now work hand in hand with local communities to promote sustainable livelihoods and to protect the most vital portions of the Sierra Madre range.

Enforcement efforts in the hills surrounding the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park have yielded over a million board feet of illegal timber [illegible] - all pilfered from the lush watersheds of the Sierra Madre. The volume of confiscated timber to date represents close to 130 ten-wheeler truck loads of timber. 17,310 agro-forestry seedlings have now taken their place.

Says WWF Water Resources Expert [illegible], "If we don't stop this now, farming communities which depend on water provided by the forests shall suffer. By conserving forests, we help secure water for lowland communities to grow rice and corn."

A Local to Global Partnership

On a global scale, TCCC and WWF have come together to protect fresh water resources around the world like the Mekong, the Rio Grande, the Southeastern United States, the Mesoamerican Reef, Central East Africa, the Danube and the Yangtze. In June of 2007, Coca-Cola made a $20 million pledge for this purpose.

"We're grateful for Coca-Cola Philippines' long-term commitment to a partnership with the WWF focusing on water stewardship," adds Tan. "Through this partnership, we will work to help Coca-Cola Philippines achieve its 'Live Positively' environmental targets and strive together towards sustainable management of freshwater resources in the Philippines."











Your Donations Keep WWF Alive

WWF works throughout the Philippines to help the country adapt to climate change and to protect the seas, rivers and forests which continuously provide Filipinos with fresh water, food, renewable energy and clean air. Naturally, we cannot do this alone. Small monthly contributions will help to fund [illegible] organizations and corporations on how we can fight both environmental degradation and resource depletion. Every peso counts, so should you wish to make monthly or quarterly donations as a supporter of WWF-Philippines, please call us at [illegible] or log on to wwf.org.ph/donate.





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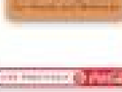
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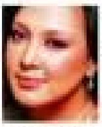
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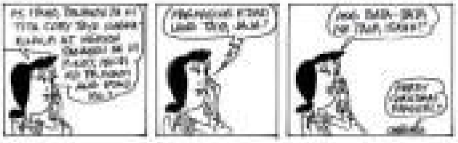

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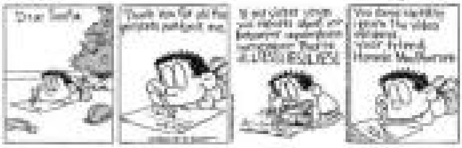










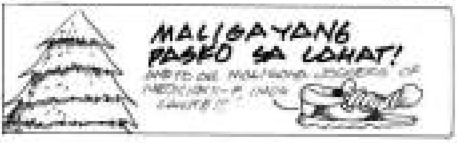












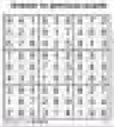
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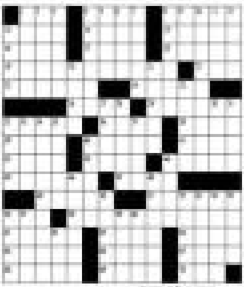
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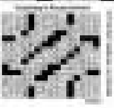
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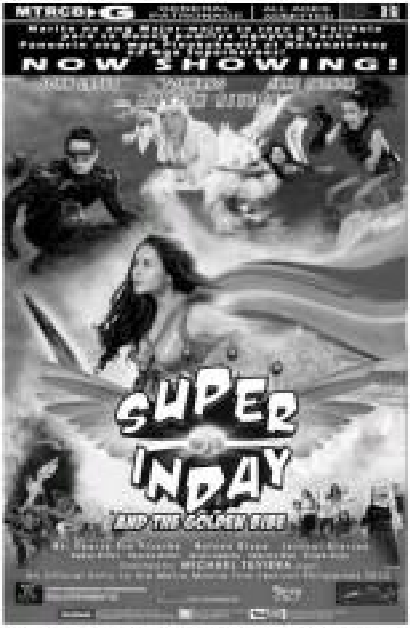
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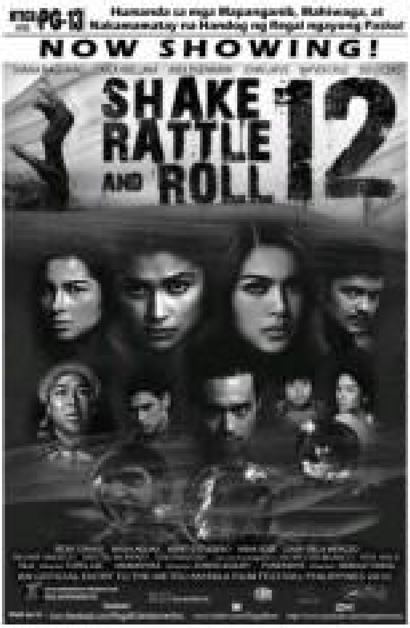
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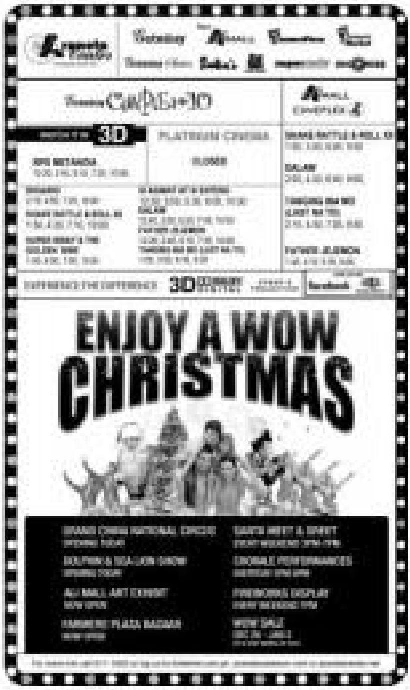
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Oprah, the TV network; 'Travel Time,' the magazine

By Nestor U. Torre

AFTER TWO decades on the tube, Talk Show Queen Oprah Winfrey is hanging up her microphone in 2011—but, her career isn't going to fade to black, not just yet. In fact, she's replacing her daily TV show with—an entire TV network!

The visionary and winning Ms Winfrey has lined up a debut season full of programs that, as is her signature intent, inspire and empower viewers to fulfill their potential—not just for themselves, but for the benefit of their families and communities, as well.

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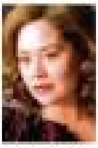
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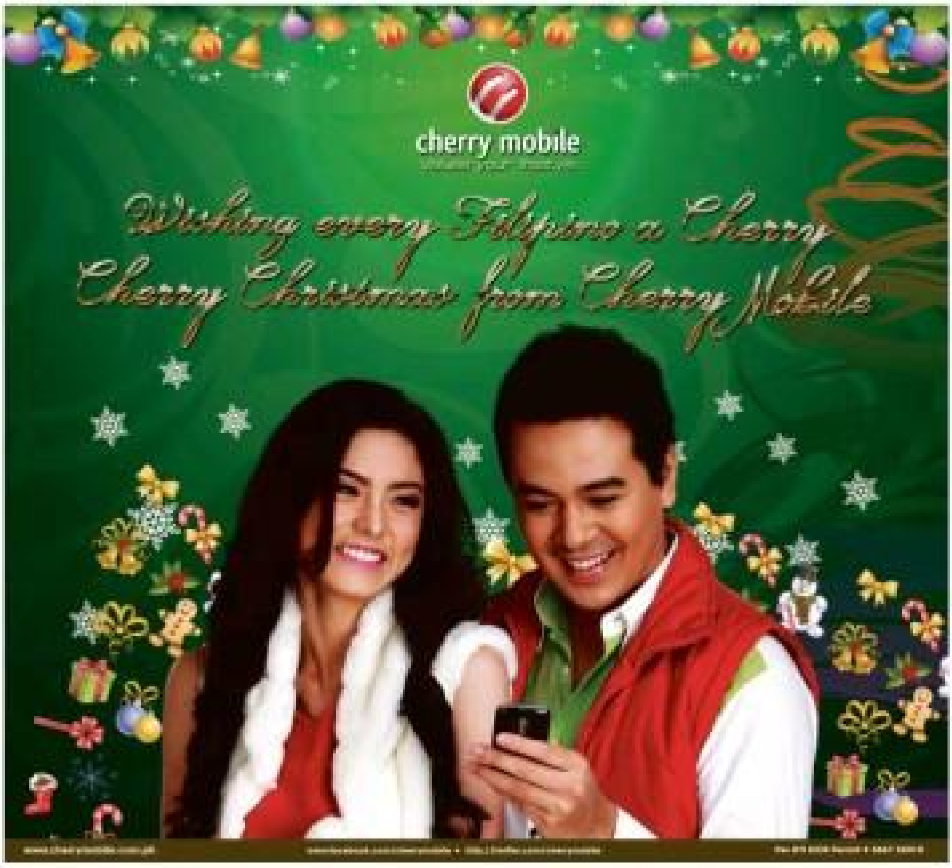


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